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Dear Mr. Belt:

Over the past several months, my staff has requested from your office – on my behalf – information regarding the financial effect of the Bush Administration's pension reform proposal. To date I have not received such information, and I am disappointed in the lack of cooperation in this matter. Specifically, I would like to know:

(1) In <u>dollar amounts</u>, the aggregate amount of additional (and total) pension contributions that will be required under the Administration's proposal compared with current law, and current law with the corporate bond rate, by year, from 2005 through 2016.

(2) The anticipated annual operating deficit/surplus of the PBGC for years 2005 – 2016 under the Administration's proposal versus current law.

(3) Several hypothetical examples of how companies would be affected by the Administration's proposal (compare current law with the Administration's proposal) for both contributions and premiums that would vary for levels of underfunding, level of company's investment grade, size of plan, mix of older versus younger employees, and mix of current workers versus retired workers.

(4) An estimate of when the PBGC will run out of cash to pay claims under current law versus the Administration's plan.

(5) The number of companies with plans insured by the PBGC that would be considered "financially weak" as determined under the Administration's proposal.

(6) The savings to the PBGC associated with the Administration's plan to perfect liens in bankruptcy.

(7) The savings to the PBGC associated with the Administration's plan to limit contingent liability benefits (such as shutdown benefits).

(8) The average and median increase (for underfunded plans) in contributions and premiums for companies by year from 2005-2016 for current law versus Administration's proposal.

(9) A distributional analysis of how many plans would have to increase contributions and by how much.

(10) An analysis on the number of plans that are expected to freeze or terminate as a result of the Administration's proposal over the next ten years.

I look forward to your timely response.

Sincerely,

George Miller

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